

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



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Ohio Township Association News *Executive Director Job Search*

At the June 8 meeting of the OTA Officers and Board of Directors, current executive director Matt DeTemple announced his plans to retire. A search committee was named and a process approved to fill the position.

The State Association is currently accepting resumes for a full-time executive director. Salary and benefits are competitive and negotiable. [Click here](#) for a formal job description for this position.

If interested, please mail a cover letter and resume to:

**Ohio Township Association
6500 Taylor Road, Suite A
Blacklick, Ohio 43004**

Resumes accepted until September 7, 2018. Any resumes submitted shall remain confidential. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Golf Outing and Public Records Training *Friday, Aug. 3*

The Golf Club of Dublin
5805 Eiterman Road
Dublin, Ohio 43016
9:00 a.m. training starts
1:30 p.m. golf tee off

If you need public records training, you are invited to the annual OTA Golf Outing and Public Records Training, an event where all proceeds benefit the OTA Scholarship Program. The FREE public records training from the Auditor of State's office will be available at 9:00 a.m. before the golf outing! To register for the training, please [click here](#) and be sure to select "Ohio Township Association."

For questions about the golf outing or the Public Records Training, please contact Michael Zaky the OTA office at 614.863.0045.

Federal Update

The House and Senate were in session this week. The House considered 38 bills under suspension of the rules including the Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2018 (H.R. 3906), which would establish an EPA task force on stormwater infrastructure funding; and the Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act (H.R. 5846), which would require the Government Accountability Office to study FEMA's policies for helping state and local governments buy flood-damaged properties. The House voted on a motion to set up a formal House-Senate conference committee for the 2018 Farm Bill (H.R. 2).



Recent AG Opinion

2018-018 OPERS

Syllabus:

The Public Employees Retirement Board has the authority to make a final determination whether an employee of a county sheriff is a "deputy sheriff," as defined in R.C. 145.01(Z), for the purpose of receiving Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) benefits as a "PERS law enforcement officer."

Seeking Input for 133rd General Assembly Legislative Priorities

One of the OTA's important functions is to seek legislation from the General Assembly which enables township government to function more efficiently and to resist any effort that would deprive townships of any rights, duties or privileges which they now possess. This is accomplished by tracking legislation and educating members of the General Assembly on township issues. In preparation for the 133rd General Assembly, the OTA has begun discussing and collecting legislative priorities.



If you have an idea that you think should be a legislative priority, please email Heidi Fought at fought@ohiotownships.org or call at 614.863.0045.

Workers' Comp Board Proposes Rate Decrease For Local Governments

Ohio's townships and other local government entities would save \$21 million next year under a proposed rate decrease for workers' compensation premiums. The Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board, at its meeting on Thursday, recommended a reduction in next year's rates for the public employers. The statewide average of a 12% decrease would be the second largest decrease for the state's public employer taxing districts since at least 1985. The actual premium change for each public entity depends on several factors such as employer type or classification, recent claims history and program participation.

The proposal, if approved, would be effective January 1, 2019. The BWC Board of Directors will vote on the proposal during its next meeting set for Friday, Aug. 24.



The reduction would be just the latest for government employers. There have been seven reductions for local governments since the start of 2011 that equate to an

average cut of 41.8% and a combined statewide financial impact of \$435 million. The

rate reduction would be in addition to the recent rebate, which is part of a total of \$8 billion that has been returned to all state employers since 2011.

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